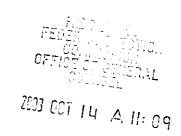


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October 2, 2003

VIA E-MAIL & REGULAR MAIL

Ms. Mai T. Dinh Acting Assistant General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Dinh:

Thank you for sending to us a copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking relating to Candidate Travel under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended by the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002. We have no comments at this time. If you would like to discuss any impact these regulations may have on tax-exempt organizations, please feel free to call David L. Marshall or me at (202) 622-6070.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Blumenfeld
Senior Technical Reviewer

Exempt Organizations Branch 2

Office of the Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel (Tax Exempt & Government Entities)